2227 ~~2217~~ SPRUCE STREET,
PHILADELPHIA

March 5, 1902

My dear Mr. Vente,

For the Assistant Fund payable during the year beginning Feb 1. 1902, there has been subscribed as follows:

Mrs Isaac Starr (paid)	$50
Mr. John Newbold (through Mr. C. B. Newbold)	50
Mr. C. B. Newbold	50
Mrs John S. Newbold	50
Miss A. T. Paul	25
Mr Ogden	20
	$245

Mr. Starr says he will try to make a payment to this fund as he generously did last

year. And I hope you may succeed in securing the subscription from your father, as you kindly proposed. Besides there are several amounts that will come in later, during the year, and of which I will let you know as soon as data is definite. The rate payable to Mr. Barnes remains $600, but I hope to increase it.

I will also send you word shortly covering the amount of Mr. Crellin's advance.

Yours very sincerely
Ellis Stevens

The weather and my cold have made it difficult to get about as I desired.

25 March, 1902.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am in receipt of your letter of 24th inst. with enclosed cheque for two dollars for Domestic Missions. I moved my office last Saturday. The elevators at the North end of this building are in operation, and those in the South end will be shortly. In receiving collections from Mr. Head yesterday I noticed that the Easter envelopes which were on the plate on Sunday were not with the rest of the money. I asked Mr. Head about this but he didn't know anything of it. Will you kindly advise me on the subject?

Yours very truly,

Ackg. 3/29/02.

2227 ~~Spruce Street~~
March 26, 1902

My dear Mr. White,

I don't know ~~that~~ I made it clear to you when I spoke of your supplying the envelopes for Redster, ~~that~~ it is usually understood in this, as in other parishes, that they are for the offertory on the day for which they are marked. There

tains nothing. Unless you want them now, they will be put as usual, with any other Easter envelopes or gifts that come in during Holy Week, in the Offering on Easter Day, as designated.

Kindly send me some copies of the Easter appeal you issued, as it is getting late to use them effectively. I suppose, of course, you mailed them to all parish holders, as usual.

Yours cordially C. Ellis Stevens

is a general personal desire that this should be so, aside from the distinct appeal and marking!

There were four Easter envelopes put in the plate Palm Sunday. You can have them before Easter if you want them; as, in getting your note, I at once shaved (head where they were. Three apparently contain a few cents, and one can-

11 April, 1902.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

In regard to the Rector's Assistant fund, the only list that I have of those who have subscribed is the following:

Mrs. I. Starr, $50,, paid;

Mrs. John S. Newbold, 50., paid;

Mr. Joseph Ogden, 50., paid.

Are there any others who have subscribed? I need some money for this month's salary.

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. C. Ellis Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

2227 ~~Spruce Street~~

My dear Mr. Veale,

Answering your
of yesterday, I would
say ~~that~~ Mr. C. C.
Newbold has sub-
scribed $50 for As-
sistant fund; and
~~that~~ Mr. John F.
Newbold, Jr; before
going abroad renewed

usual and much appreciated subscription for this important object.

Yours very sincerely

Caleb Stevens

Apr. 12, 1902

his subscription of $50, and told me it would be payable through his brother Mr. C. B. Newbold, whom he was to leave in charge of such matters. I presume, therefore, this is understood.

I will send you other items later.

I hope you can kindly secure the renewal of your father's

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am in receipt of your favor of April 12th, and have written Mr. Newbold in reference to the subscription of his brother, and his own.

At this time may I ask to call your attention to the list of communicants of Christ Church which we publish annually? From remarks that I have heard for the last year or so, or even longer, there is a general feeling that there must be a great many names on the list that no longer are worshippers of the Church. Understanding that Dr. Richardson at St. James is making efforts to have his own list properly brought up to date, it occurred to me that this might be an opportune time for a revision of our own. I appreciate that this is in the nature of a criticism of yourself, which I do with regret, and am only prompted to make this suggestion from the fact that I have been frequently asked, where are the five hundred communicants, when I have never seen more than a couple of hundred at the most at the church?

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. C. Ellis Stevens,
2227 Spruce Street.

could be put in the Slate. I have reminded him not to repeat his mistake. Kindly send me the money for application, before end of fiscal year.

As you were not in church Sunday so I could speak to you about the Communicant list, of which you inquired, I will write as soon as I can get a moment to do so.

With kindly regards,

Yours truly

Charles Stevens

Monday Apr. 21, 1902

My dear Mr White,

The Offering of Sunday was additional to General Mission work, to be distributed by the Rector in same way as amt. of last autumn for same object. Mr. Head forgot to put them envelopes in pews, so I was obliged to say, that the Offering

2227 Spruce Street
Apr. 28, 1902

My dear Mr. Wente,

About the Communicant list, you can, of course, count on my wish that it be correct as possible.

But you seem unaware that this whole subject has been very fully discussed twice in recent years in the Convention of the Diocese with reports of able and representative committees, and that it is now settled by law - and the law is Canon XII.

For you are mistaken,
(I say it in utmost kindness)
as to the legal and proper
basis of the communicant list,
when you say - "I have been
frequently asked where are
the five hundred communi-
cants, when I have never seen
more than a couple of hun-
dred at the most at the
Church."

Attendance, which is what
you imply, is not the basis
of any communicant list
in this diocese. And should
you apply that test in any other
parish of size, you would find
as a fact that attendance
never agrees with the recorded
lists. Even if such were the
legal basis of our lists, ab-
sence would need to be made

for varied and irregular attendance at differing times.

At St. Peter's and many other churches in this and other dioceses, that can easily be specified, the Recorded Communicant List is larger than the entire seating capacity of the church edifice — as any one can find out by a brief examination of official Reports.

We are would wish the Rector to strike off the name of any old communicant of Christ Church, desiring to remain on our list, even if attending but rarely. I have no legal right to do such a thing in an arbitrary manner. And it may interest you to know that I

am constantly receiving inquiries from persons as to whether their names are being kept on the list, because they are anxious to have them so kept. The reasons and conditions are various, but are governed by Canon XIV.

I, of course, accept responsibility, because the law so places it, and because it has always belonged to the clergy of Christ Church to keep records in spiritual matters.

I am glad to know Rev. Mr. Richardson is revising his list. I suppose you evidently have forgotten, or are unaware that the Rector of Christ Church did the same thing, when also new in the diocese - a

further, that it has been generally done by all parishes in recent years — (ours included), in connection with the movement which created the present law.

If you will examine Canon XIV, Sec 2., you will see that from time to time, and at least annually, the Ministers shall remove from the list persons dead, or transfered or excommunicated, or suspended from communion, or who have abandoned communion permanently &c. These routine items are reported in all parish reports in the Diocesan Journals.

But in the last clause

of Sec. 2, it further says, "or who having removed from his parish without notice, after reasonable time and due effort, cannot be traced".

This last clause involves a striking out at least annually, by all rectors, of persons described - i.e. a revision of list. It means an annual correction of the list in addition to the previous routine items. It is needless to say, that if all parish records were thus revised annually, there would be no cause for general revisions. And even when a general revision has been made, it will ever be necessary to have annual revisions, in order to keep

up to date. The canon requires just this.

I call attention therefore to the fact, which you seem to have overlooked notwithstanding its being publicly recorded annually for many years in the Abstracts Catechising Christ Church, mostly printed by yourself, as well as in the Journals of the diocese, that this required item of revision of list, has regularly been complied with. It is thus a matter of public record that the Rector of Christ Church has systematically endeavored to carry out all the requirements of Canon XV, Sec 2, and has done so carefully and for years. He has not only revised the communicant list, but has maintained also a parochial register as the law contemplates, annually. The

comparison of other reports
in the Journals of the Church
will prove that few of them
are equally careful, or so full
conform to the law. It will
remain apparent to most
fair-minded persons, that the
records of Christ Church are among
the very last that can be
rightly called in question from
any source.

I shall, of course, see that
this is made known. For it is
manifestly due to Christ Church
that instead of being open to
what your letter calls a "criticism"
we are, and systematically
have been for years, most care-
ful about our records. I take
pleasure in assuring you, that
in consequence of your sug-
gestion, I shall try to be
even more careful than ever
in the annual revision.

With cordial regards,

Yours very sincerely

O. Ellis Stevens

12 May, 1902.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

In furtherance of that you said in church yesterday, I write to advise you that I shall be very happy indeed in any way to co-operate with you in reference to the list of communicants of Christ Church. I understand that you have the communicant book at your house, and when you have finished with the same I shall be happy to go over it or assist you in any way that you may wish. I shall be happy to have any suggestions that you may wish to make.

Yours very truly

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

Will you kindly send me, at your earliest convenience, your Charity Fund Income account?

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,
2227 Spruce Street,

My dear Dr. Stevens:

At a meeting of the North East Convocation held yesterday afternoon, it was announced that the Board of Missions had raised the amount to be asked for from the North East Convocation from $2,175. to $2,330. We were asked to increase our pledges, if possible, and I stated that Christ Church would give, in place of $175. promised last year, $200.

You will recall the great interest taken in the matter of domestic missions at the last Convocation, and I was sorry you were not present in person to state what Christ Church would do. Later on the question arose as to what church the next Convention should be held at. It was stated that Christ Church was next on the list, and I said that we would be glad to have the meeting at our church. It was later announced by Dr. Harris that the Church of the Annunciation desired to have the meeting held there, and I ~~incline to~~ believe that the Convention will meet at said church and not go to Christ Church.

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

Chas J. Wells 6 June 1907

2227 Spruce St.

Thursday

My dear Mr. White,

This man is poor, and needs the payment for his work as soon as you can conveniently sent it him.

Yours sincerely

Charles H. Stevens

Rectors Report for 1902

Baptisms – Adults	1		
Infants	29		
Total			30
Confirmed –			16
Communicants			
Added new –			40
Died			3
Removed by removal of list			32
Present number			571
Marriages –			2
Burials			11
Public Services			
Sundays	114		
Other days	64		
Total			178
Sunday School –			
Officers & teachers	23		
Scholars –	210		233
Practical Sch. & Night Classes			
Teachers	4		
Scholars –	73		77

7 June, 1902.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

The Rector's Assistant fund has a balance of $21.67, all subscriptions received, as far as I know, excepting that of my father. I spoke to him about the matter recently, and he said that he would contribute something later on. He did not specify the amount, but said it would be less than twenty-five dollars. Will you kindly advise me what you desire done in the matter, as I have not sufficient funds for June's payment.

Will you kindly send me in your account of the Charity Fund for the last year, at your earliest convenience?

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

June 14, 1902

My dear Mr. White,

I was taken ill Monday, and am writing you on my first getting out of bed. I'm sorry it has delayed financial report. Will try to have it in your hands Tuesday a Wednesday.

I enclose check for Assistant fund, which dear wishes to have entered

as "from a friend through the Rector". It covers Mr. Barnes' salary June 30, and with what balance you have, makes $30 or more available. Please pay $30 to Rev. Mr. Duff for his recent services.

I also enclose a statement from Miss Paul for Cooking Class night work. She no doubt could itemise it, but it represents small items of food &c., and if you don't require it itemized she would no doubt be saved a good deal of trouble.

I only suggest that in courtesy to her, but it in your hands. This work does a double good. The girls come and cook suppers, learning many domestic things, and then the Mothers' meeting gets the benefit. It has been going on for several years. It would greatly convenience Miss Paul, if this check could reach her as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

C. Ellis Stevens

know whether I am to receive anything more before Aug. 1 and whether the Aug. Amt. is to be $200, as I believe it usually should be. Any other information in this connection will be welcome.

Rev. Mr Getz is dead. So the clergy names at head of your financial circular should be those of Mr. Mabbett, Mr. Barnes and myself.

With kindly regards,

Yours sincerely, Eddie S Evans

Your kind note just rec'd is greatly appreciated.

2227 Spruce Street

June 15, 1902

My dear Mr. Wente,

I enclose report. Want you kindly explain why the amt. received is so much less than last year, as it comes from endowment which, I suppose has not

this fund is concerned $9.98
to pay pensions of June, and carry
me to Aug. 1., and with apparent
uncertainty of what I can get then.
It is very difficult to know what
to calculate on under such cir-
cumstances.

I am not criticising at all, for
I know nothing to criticise in this
connection. But I really need to
understand. Also please let me

lessened. Last year
you sent me $200
in Aug.; this fiscal
year, now reported, only
$150. Last year
$256,21 May 1.; this
year $150. I also
note the difference be-
tween the amt re-
ported in your bank
& Convention, and
that which this ac-
count shows. You
see this leaves me
at present, so far as

19 June, 1902.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

The Charity Fund income is as follows:

April,	5,000 Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf R. R. bonds,	$112.50
May,	Ground rent 234 Bainbridge,	9.
	Philadelphia & Reading Terminal bond,	12.50
July,	Mortgage, interest 2416-18 Opal Street,	81.
	Mortgage, Trust Company bond,	10.
	Seaboard & Roanoke,	25.
	Union Pacific,	20.
Aug.,	Philadelphia & Reading Terminal bond,	12.50
Sept.,	Ground rent 221-223 Union Street,	9.70
	1013 Randolph Street,	21.97
	1015 Randolph Street,	21.95
Oct.,	Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf bonds,	112.50
Nov.,	Philadelphia & Reading Terminal bonds,	12.50

Christmas Fund,

Dec.,	Ground rent,	25.
Jan.,	Opal Street mortgage,	81.
	Mortgage, Trust Company bond,	10.
	Seaboard & Roanoke,	25.
	Union Pacific,	20.
Feb.,	Philadelphia & Reading Terminal bond,	12.50
March,	Ground rent 854 N. Third Street,	10.
	Ground rent, Union Street,	9.70
	1013 Randolph Street,	21.97
	1015 Randolph Street,	21.95

The income on bonds is promptly received. The income on mortgages is sometimes delayed. In addition to the above there are certain rents derived from properties which amount to very little, owing to the expenses incurred. Last year the rents amounted to about $200., while the expenses on account of real estate were $300. Part of this was rather heavy owing to some water mains introduced by the

the city, the expenses of which we had to pay for. Our gross receipts of income last year were about $1,000., and our gross expenditures $320., leaving a balance of $675., which was sent you during the year. I doubt very much whether our income for this current year will be any larger than in the past, but it will not exceed $700. net, and I shall remit checks to you at about the same periods as last year. Our taxes amounting to about $125. are paid in February, and the other bills as they fall due from time to time.

I notice that you have sent me no receipt for November 16th, 1901, $23.50, paid pensioners and charged in the matter of the disbursement of the Clergy Fund as against the Rev. Mr. Barnes. I shall of course hand this account over to the Finance Committee at its first meeting. From the data above given you will note when the income falls due, and therefore in answer to your question whether you will receive any income before August 1st, it will be necessary for you simply to look at the items as they fall due above, and allow for some small running expenses, and you would know about the amount coming in. I should say roughly that about $150. will be sent you at about that time, or sometime in July.

I note your notice of Mr. Gentz' death, and shall print the names of the clergy, as per your suggestion, in the annual statement.

Yours very truly,

2227 Spruce Street
June 27, 1902

My dear Mr. White,

I am much gratified to receive the statement as to Charity Fund, as it is just what I needed. I am sorry to have caused you trouble.

You usually wish my summer address at this time of year. It remains here till about middle of July, and after that will be Shelving Rock, N.Y. till about the middle of September, as I now plan. A letter addressed to this house will always reach me.

Hoping you will have a very delightful summer, believe me with Kindly regards,

Yours sincerely

Ellis Stevens

I will send you money in time for Mr Kinnaird's July 31

I see Mr. Hoff has not published reports as sent him but has bunched whole many items in one, regretfully. Fortunately he has omitted the Bishop Coadjutor.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

The amount in hand for Rector's Assistant Fund, including subscription of my father just received, amounts to $46., hardly sufficient for the current month. Will you kindly advise me what you wish done in the matter?

You will note that the interest payable in July on the mortgage Rectory Fund income, has not yet been sent you. This is due to the fact that the money is not received and will not be for a week or two yet, the mortgagee being delinquent. This is true also of the Charity Fund income. I shall hope to be able to remit both the sums at the end of the current month.

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

Shelving Rock, N. Y.

Shelving Rock,
N.Y.
July 23, 1902

My dear Mr. White,

I appreciate the thoughtfulness of your information. I have been expecting a summons for the Assistant Fund. As it is delayed, I enclose check to advance what is needed this

month. As I believe
you usually go out
of town in August
arranging for pay-
ments while absent,
it may convenience
you to have in
hand before you
go what is needed
for the month. I
therefore take pleasure
in making the
amt. advanced
enough to cover
$54 for this month,
and $50 for August.

I hope you will
have a very pleasant
outing. We arrived
the 16th of July, and
experience has the
30-day. We
are glad to the crops;
are round corn,
rain if many days is
interesting. However,
recovering. Very

Yours very
Respectfully
Geo. F. Bowers

25 July, 1902.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am in receipt of your favor of 23rd inst. with enclosed check for fifty dollars, being the amount necessary to pay the salary of the Rev. Mr. Barnes for July and August, 1902. together with Balance on hand

As regards the Rectory fund income, I have heard from the real estate agents representing the owner of the property, in which they state that the owner has requested them to pay mortgage interest from rents as they accrue, and that they have a little over half the amount in hand, and hope shortly to have sufficient to pay the full amount. Inasmuch as the owner has just recently purchased, I feel that it might be necessary for us ~~in~~ under these circumstances to wait, especially as we could not foreclose before a month from the time the mortgage interest is due, and the agents expect to have the money in hand by that time. I shall write as soon as I am in receipt of it. The same holds true of the charity fund.

I am glad to hear that you are rapidly recovering your former good health, and hope that you will have pleasanter weather for the remainder of your vacation. We are having delightfully cool weather in the city, with rain storms off and on, but not materially interfering with our comfort.

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

Shelving Rock, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Kindly send me the name of the minister in charge at the hospital, his full name and address. Does not Mr. Haris desire that all correspondence in reference to the hospital should be sent to your office, 217 S. Third Street? Will you kindly write me at your early convenience about this?

Yours very truly,

Mr. Schoener,

Christ Church Hospital,

217 S. Third Street.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am in receipt today of a letter from Miss Paul, notifying me that her contribution of twenty-five dollars towards the Rector's Assistant Fund will not be paid before the end of next month. At the present writing I have no funds in hand with which to remit the usual fifty dollars for this month, September. Will you kindly advise me what you wish done in the matter?

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

Shelving Rock, N. Y.

2227 Spruce St.
Sept 25, 1902

My dear Mr. White,

I enclose check for $50, advanced to meet Mr. Sawin's salary for September.

Yours very sincerely

Charles Stevens

Sep. 29, 1902.

Dear Sir:-

The records of Christ Church do not contain the burial record of Mrs. Sanderson. You might write to Rev. Snyder B. Simes, Rector of Gloria Dei, (Old Swends Church) Swanson Street, north of Christian Street. For information as to the Presbyterian Churches, you might write to Rev. W. H. Roberts, D.D. Witherspoon Bldg. Phila.

Regretting that I can be of no further service to you I am

Yours Very Truly

George L. Sanderson Esq.

Lochbar, Ambler Post, Pa.

Sept. 30, 1902.

My dear Dr. Stevens:-

Your letter and check for $50. for Rector's Assistant Fund was duly received, and I have sent the amount to Mr. Burnes. Enclosed please find check for September.

Yours Very Truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

Shelving Rock, New York.

2227 Spruce Phila

Oct. 6, 1902

My dear Mr. Wente,

Receipt for check has been delayed, because your man sent it to Shelving Rock, whence it was forwarded back here. He evidently does not know I have been back some time. My check for Mr. Barnes, acknowledged to Shelving Rock, was sent from here. It is mine

portant, except it is well for him to have the address right.

Head says we have very little coal at the climate. I believe he has mentioned the matter to you.

With cordial regards,

Yours very truly,

Wallace Stevens

11 October, 1902.

Dear Madam:

Your notice to me as Accounting Warden of your relinquishment of your three seats in pew 61 at Christ Church, is duly received, and I regret very much that you find it necessary to sever your connection with Christ Church.

As regards the amount at present due for pew rent, of course use your own convenience in making payment thereof.

Hoping that you will in the future again become a member of said Church, I am,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Joseph A. Sturgis,

513 Woodland Terrace.

Mrs. Clay D. Richards
Norwood,
Delaware Co, Pa

2227 Spruce ~~St~~
Oct 13 1902

My dear Mrs Wentz,

Can you kindly give me the name and address of the person who had charge of an Dressmaking Class at Parish School last year? I have just laid it and need it just now. She lives at Yeadon. Yours truly

Ellis Stevens

14 October, 1902.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

The name and address of the person in charge of the dress making class at Parish School last year is Mrs. Clay D. Richards, Norwood, Delaware County, Pa.

Of course you are aware that I have no funds for the Rector's assistant in hand, excepting $25 from Mrs. Paul.

I enclose check for $150., Charity Fund income.

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,
2227 Spruce Street.

30 October, 1902.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I wrote you on the 14th inst. that I hadn't any money for the Rector's Assistant Fund other than Miss Paul's subscription of $25. Kindly advise me what you wish done about October.

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

2227 Spruce Street.

2227 Spruce St.
Oct. 30, 1902

Dear Mr. White.

I learn. of Dorcas Home, of which I spoke, is to be sent as usual to Mrs Smith, at Ridgeway House. Kindly let me know amt.

I advance $25 for Curate - which I believe covers need.

Yours truly
Robt. Stevens

31 October, 1902.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am very much obliged to you for your check for twenty-five dollars for Rector's Assistant Fund. The amount of the collection for the Dorcas Society is $9.94.

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,
2327 Spruce Street.

31 October, 1902.

My dear Mrs. Smith:

Enclosed please find check for $8.94, being the amount of collection received this day by me, taken up on October 19th for the Dorcas Society.

Yours very truly,

Mrs. C. B. Smith,
Ridgeway House,
Fourth & Market Sts.

approve the window, or require an amendment by the firm, as in the case of other windows. Should amendment be found necessary, I will let you know. By the terms of the action of the Vestry, as you know, payment is not to be made until the committee has finally approved — and amendment, if any, made. As the committee will need a sunny day a slight delay may be unavoidable, after hearing from the firm.

Yours sincerely, C. Ellis Stevens

2227 Spruce Street

Monday

My dear Mr. Vaux,

As the Window has arrived, I have written Mr. Newbold to say that it is advisable for Mrs Newbold and himself to view it when in place, before I call the committee together to pass upon it. The Committee will reach an agreement with Mr. Newbold, as to whether to

10 November, 1902.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am in receipt of your notice about the Newhold window, and shall ~~not~~ await authorization from the committee to make the payment that you refer to.

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,

3227 Spruce Street.

Barnes accordingly on
Dec. 31 or else on Jan. 1.
Wishing you a Merry
Christmas

Yours sincerely

Edith Stevens

2227 ~~Bruce~~ Street

Dec. 24, 1902

My dear Mr Wentz,

I send check for $50, for salary for Rev. Mr. Barnes, which by arrangement with Mrs Stevens is to be applied to amount due by Jan. 1, 1903. I believe you make the checks the day before. This is left to you, and the amt. to be paid to Mr.

26 December, 1902.

My dear Dr. Stevens:

I am in receipt of Mrs. Starr's check for $50. to be applied to the salary of Rev. Mr. Barnes for the month of December, 1902, and shall send him this amount at the end of this month.

Hoping that you had a very pleasant Christmas, I am,

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. Stevens,
2227 Spruce Street.